

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In relation to the anti-epidemic work since the novel coronavirus outbreak in Hong Kong, please provide figures and information on the following:

- (a) What is the number of residents confirmed to have been infected with the novel coronavirus in each of the 18 administrative districts in Hong Kong? For the administrative districts with more confirmed cases, have additional resources been allocated to enhance disinfection and cleansing of streets in the vicinity of the residences of the infected? If yes, what are the districts concerned and the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (b) Have additional resources been allocated to enhance disinfection and cleansing of streets in the vicinity of places with cases of virus spread at gatherings in the wake of such reports in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the districts concerned and the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (c) How many buildings in each of the 18 administrative districts in Hong Kong have residents under compulsory quarantine? For the administrative districts with more residents under compulsory quarantine, have additional resources been allocated to enhance disinfection and cleansing of streets in the vicinity of the residences of people under compulsory quarantine? If yes, what are the districts concerned and the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (d) Has the Department deployed resources to carry out disinfection and cleansing of streets in the community? If yes, what is the effectiveness? If no, is it necessary to allocate additional resources in this regard?

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Reply:

It is a key responsibility of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department to maintain a hygienic environment. In the light of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) epidemic,

the Department has stepped up the cleansing of public facilities under its management, including public markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars, public toilets, refuse collection points, etc. The street cleansing service of public places, including locations where littering and other public cleanliness offences are prevalent, has also been strengthened as appropriate and when necessary to maintain environmental hygiene. Furthermore, the Department has increased the frequency of washing the nearby streets of buildings with confirmed cases according to the instructions of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH). The increased frequency of street washing in various districts from 23 January 2020 to 8 March 2020 is provided at **Annex**. The Department deploys internal resources to provide relevant street cleansing and disinfection services having regard to actual circumstances and operational needs. For the list of buildings with confirmed cases of COVID-19, please refer to the following thematic website of CHP under DH: (<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/features/102465.html>).

Increased Frequency of Street Washing in Various Districts
from 23 January 2020 to 8 March 2020

District	Increased frequency of street washing
Central & Western	18
Eastern	100
Southern	57
Wan Chai	142
Kowloon City	44
Kwun Tong	98
Mong Kok	14
Yau Tsim	70
Sham Shui Po	1
Wong Tai Sin	1
North	16
Sha Tin	83
Yuen Long	28
Sai Kung	64
Tuen Mun	56
Total	792

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